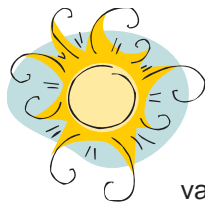


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SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

The second dose of Mumps and Varicella vaccine will NOT be required for attendance in the upcoming 2008/2009 school year. These doses are on the Recommended Immunization Schedule and should be administered to the children you serve; however, they cannot be required for school attendance until the revised regulations are approved by the Board of Health and the regulatory process is complete. This will not occur in time for enrollment in the 2008/2009 school year. Please refer to the Division of Immunization's website (<http://www.vdh.state.va.us/Epidemiology/Immunization/requirements.htm>) or the enclosure for additional information.

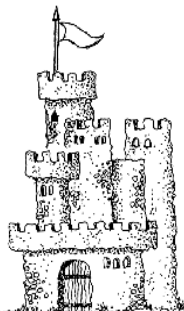


HIB UPDATE

Monthly, each VFC program across the country is being allocated a 1 month supply of Hib vaccine for their program. During the Hib shortage, VVFC is taking provider orders for Hib vaccine on a monthly basis. Order each month a 1-month supply for your office. Until supply improves, the recommendation is to defer administering the routine Hib vaccine booster dose administered at age 12-15 months, except to high risk children with asplenia, sickle cell disease, HIV other immune syndromes, or those who are Alaskan or Native American. Stocking vaccines to give the booster dose during the shortage can take away from providers who are struggling to provide the primary series. Plan for when the shortage is over. Utilize best practice/recall-reminder systems and review the catch-up schedule: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/child-schedule.htm#catchup>

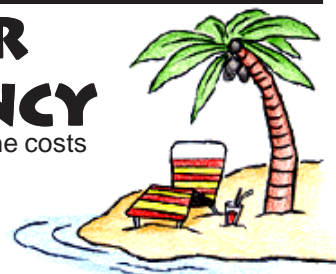
MINIMUM ORDER-DIRECT SHIP VACCINE

In April of 2008, VVFC was notified by CDC that the minimum order size for MMRV and Varicella, Merck's Direct Ship Vaccines, would go up to a 20 dose minimum. VVFC notified providers who were accustomed to ordering 10 doses of the new policy. Since then the policy has been revoked. Please note: MMRV (Proquad) is NOT currently available.



ORDER FREQUENCY

In an effort to reduce the costs associated with vaccine shipments, CDC has been monitoring provider's order frequency. As a result, VVFC will no longer impose a 200 dose limit for its providers. Please do NOT order more than you can store appropriately!



ADACEL UPDATE

Please be aware that the formulation for the Tdap vaccine, Adacel, will be changing. It will only be available in syringes beginning in late July or early August.

VVFC AWARDS

Gold Stars awarded April - May 2008.

Outstanding VVFC Compliance

James River Pediatrics, Midlothian

Practice of Dr. Parmod Sapra, Norton

Practice of Dr. Suresh Jain, Wise

Practice of K. Drew Baker, M.D., Tazewell

Exceptional Immunization Rates

Ashburn Pediatrics, Inc., Ashburn

Capital Area Pediatrics, Herndon

Capital Area Pediatrics, Falls Church

Farrell Pediatrics, South Riding

Front Royal Pediatrics, Front Royal

Potomac Pediatrics, P.C., Woodbridge

Practice of Dr. Prakash Adawadkar, Dale City

The Pediatric Group, P.C., Alexandria

Whole Child Pediatrics, Ashburn

(Childhood immunization rates exceed 92% and adolescent rates exceed 90% using CoCASA software)



VVFC STAFF CHANGES

- Effective May 2008, **Crista Sullivan** accepted the position of VVFC Director. Crista continues to serve as the VVFC Accountability Supervisor until her previous position is filled.

- We wish the former director, **Jovonni Spinner** the best of luck in her new position with the National Vaccine Program in Washington, D.C.

- Effective May 2008, **Elton Grant** was promoted to Field Operations Supervisor. Elton continues to serve as the Central Region Consultant until his previous position is filled.

